

Service for the Lord's Day

January 15, 2023

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

Asheboro, North Carolina

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

The Gathering of God's People

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

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Psalm 98

L: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

P: **The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.**

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

P: **break forth into joyous songs of praise.**

L: Make a joyful noise before the Lord!

P: **Hallelujah! Praise the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

Good Good Father

Chris Tomlin

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a burden we can no longer carry. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: **Hear our prayer.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #581

Gloria Patri

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Come With Shouting

Douglas Nolan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Lamentations 3: 22-24

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 3: 12-16

L: The word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“New Mercies I See”

The Rev. Brian K. Rummage

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Being Sent Into the World

HYMN #39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We welcome you to worship this morning. If you are visiting with us, we hope you find our congregation to be a place of welcome and spiritual nurture. Please take a Visitor Gift Bag with a devotional book and other gifts and information about FPC, as our way of thanking you for worshiping with us. Visitor Gift Bags can be found just outside the center Sanctuary door in the Narthex or in the Hospitality Center.

Children's Worship and Nursery Ministries: Our infant nursery is located in room #114 on our Children's Ministry hallway immediately behind the sanctuary. If you are unfamiliar with our facilities, an usher will happily guide you.

Worship is the heart of church life and it is important that our children feel welcomed and are strengthened for their own walk of faith. At the appropriate time in the service, children are invited to come to the front of the church for our children's message time with Pastor Brian. Afterwards children are dismissed to either return to sit with their parents or leave with our Children's Ministry Director Carla Lovell.

For those who choose to participate in in our children's worship experience, younger children (preschool-1st grade) will stay with Ms. Carla in Room 110. Older elementary age children (2nd-5th grade) will go to room 200. Our teachers will use this time to explore the different aspects of worship in a fun and engaging way.

Again, children are always welcome to stay for the entire "big church" service. As they grow and mature, we encourage them to be part of the full worshipping community.

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In consideration of others, please silence or turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices. Protective face masks are available in the Narthex.

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